





STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Communications & Water Efficiency Committee/Board of Directors
Title: Water Efficiency Program Update
From: Paul Sellier, Director of Water Resources 
Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager 
Meeting Date: August 21, 2024

TYPE OF ACTION: Action X Information Review and Refer

RECOMMENDATION: Receive Water Efficiency Program Update

SUMMARY: Staff will provide an update on the Water Efficiency Program activities.

DISCUSSION: Staff will provide an update on the Water Efficiency Program activities focused on State regulations to “Make Conservation a California Way of Life” and report out on FY2024 Program activities and participation.

Year in Review

At the end of each fiscal year staff will provide a board update on the water efficiency activities, water savings estimates and programmatic highlights. The intent of this discussion will be to track and report progress being made towards implementation of the Water Efficiency Master Plan. Staff will provide a presentation illustrating participation and estimated water savings for each program.

Regulations

On July 2, 2024, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted regulations on the implementation of Urban Water Use Objectives for “Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life”. The regulations have been under development since 2017 and are intended to establish water use targets to increase long-term water use efficiency statewide. The targets establish water use standards for indoor residential per capita use; outdoor residential irrigation; Commercial, Industrial, Institutional (CII) large landscape water use; and water loss. Additionally the regulations require implementation of CII performance measures which include the following: classification of all CII customers, determining which sites are inefficient based on key business activity indicators developed for each classification and determining CII sites with more than ½ acre of landscaping.

Urban retail water suppliers will be required to calculate and report urban water use objectives by January 1 each year beginning in 2025. The reporting will compare actual water use to the calculated

objective to determine compliance. Staff will provide a presentation on the District's compliance status.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.